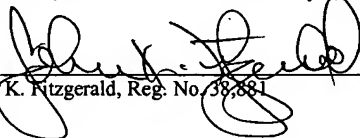




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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action of June 19, 2003, and an Advisory Action mailed on December 30, 2003. A three-month request for extension of time to file, together with a Request for Continued Examination, and a Petition to Revive is being filed concurrently herewith.